DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Foreign-Trade Zones Board [B-61-2021]

Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 261 – Alexandria, Louisiana, Notification of Proposed Production Activity, Avant Organics LLC (Specialty Chemicals), Alexandria, Louisiana

Avant Organics LLC (Avant) submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the FTZ Board (the Board) for its facility in Alexandria, Louisiana, under FTZ 261. The notification conforming to the requirements of the regulations of the Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on September 1, 2021.

Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ production activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status material(s)/component(s) and specific finished product(s) described in the submitted notification (summarized below) and subsequently authorized by the Board. The benefits that may stem from conducting production activity under FTZ procedures are explained in the background section of the Board's website – accessible via www.trade.gov/ftz.

The proposed finished products include: 4-methoxy-2,5-dimethylfuran-3-one; 5-Methyl-2-phenyl-2-hexenal; Phenyl Acetaldehyde 50% in Phenyl Ethyl Alcohol; and, Esiferane – 2,5-dimethyl-4-ethoxy-e(2H)-Furanone (duty rate ranges from free to 5.5%).

The proposed foreign-status materials and components include: 4-Hydroxy–2,5–dimethyl-3(2H)-Furanone; Methylcyclopentenolone; Phenethyl Alcohol; and, 2-Trans,4-Trans-decadienal (duty rate ranges from 4.8% to 6.5%). The request indicates that certain materials/components are subject to duties under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Section 301), depending on the country of origin. The applicable Section 301 decisions require subject merchandise to be admitted to FTZs in privileged foreign status (19 CFR 146.41).

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions shall be

addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary and sent to: ftz@trade.gov. The closing

period for their receipt is [INSERT DATE 40 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION

IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

A copy of the notification will be available for public inspection in the "Online FTZ

Information System" section of the Board's website.

For further information, contact Diane Finver at Diane.Finver@trade.gov.

Dated: September 2, 2021.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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